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SUMMARY: UAE MINISTER OF DEFENSE STATES THAT NEITHER
DESIGN NOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS FOR THE AIRPORT AT
JEBEL ALI HAVE BEEN AWARDED. END SUMMARY.

1. SHAIKH MOHAMMED BIN RASHID, UAE MINISTER OF DEFENSE
MENTIONED IN A CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR FEB 8
THAT NEITHER THE DESIGN NOR THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS
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FOR THE JEBEL ALI AIRPORT HAVE BEEN AWARDED. IN RESPONSE
TO OUR COMMENT THAT WE UNDERSTOOD JEBEL ALI AIRPORT DESIGN HAD
BEEN AWARDED TO SIR WILLIAM HALCROW, SHAIKH MUHAMMAD DENIED
THIS STATING THAT HE SHOULD KNOW SINCE HIS FATHER, RULER OF
DUBAI, HAD GIVEN HIM THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL ASPECTS OF
THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF JEBEL ALI AIRPORT. (NOTE:
FEBRUARY 6 ISSUE OF UAE ARCHITECT AND ENGINEER TRADE

PUBLICATION STATES THAT HALCROW HAS JEBEL ALI AIRPORT DESIGN CONTRACT.)

2. SHAIKH MOHAMMED DEMONSTRATED A VERY OPEN ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING AMERICAN FIRMS DESIGN AND WORK ON THE PROJECT. HE SOLICITED THE AMBASSADOR'S AID--IN GENERAL TERMS--TO HELP HIM AND HIS GOVERNMENT IDENTIFY AMERICAN FIRMS QUALIFIED TO UNDERTAKE THE PROJECT.

3. IN AN ASIDE, SHAIKH MOHAMMED NOTED THAT THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE JOINT CIVIL-MILITARY AIRPORT AT FUJAIRAH HAS ALSO NOT BEEN AWARDED.

4. WE ARE INFORMING LOCAL AMERICAN A AND E FIRMS AND CONTRACTORS OF THE FOREGOING AND ARE FURNISH SHAIKH MUHAMMAD WITH NAMES OF FIRMS WHOSE REPRESENTATIVES HAVE VISITED UAE IN PAST TO INQUIRE ABOUT JEBEL ALI AIRPORT PROJECT. SO THAT WE CAN ORCHESTRATE US EFFORT, WOULD APPRECIATE INTERESTED FIRMS TOUCHING BASE WITH EMBASSY AND DUBAI BRANCH OFFICE. WE WILL SEND BY SEPTTEL LIST WHICH WE ARE FURNISHING TO SHIKH MUHAMMAD. DICKMAN

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